GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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Uranium from Namibia
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a)whether there are some issues of impending supply of uranium from the resource-rich African country, Namibia;

(b)if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to resolve the issue;

(c)whether Namibian Government has offered to Indian companies to mine their uranium reserves in their country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR, PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER''S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) & (b) A Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement was signed with Namibia in August, 2009. However, the Agreement is yet to be ratified by the Namibian side. Though commercial entities in Namibia have expressed interest in supplying Uranium to India, it is difficult presently to enter into further commercial discussions in the absence of ratification of the Agreement from the Namibian side.

(c) & (d) No formal offers for mining of Uranium reserves have been received from Government of Namibia.
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